Obituaries

John H. Black

John Henry Black, 55, of Route 2, Concord, died Sunday morning at his residence. He was the husband of Mamie Farrar Black.

He was born in Concord, the son of Norman and Lula Brewer Black. He was employed at Caskie Paper Co. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and American Legion Post Number 16.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Phyllis Beckstrom of Virginia Beach and Miss Debra Black of Concord; three brothers, James W. Black of Concord, Charlie F. Black of Roanoke and Thomas E. Black of Madison Heights; five sisters, Mrs. Norma Morrell and Mrs. Gladys Rogers, both of Lynchburg, Mrs. Mae Anderson of Baltimore, Mrs. Florence Cowand of Norfolk and Mrs. Ruth Eades of Roanoke.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. from Diuguid Memorial Chapel, with interment in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Mrs. Charlie B. Glass

Clara Annie Phelps Glass, 78, of 1803 Park Ave., Lynchburg, died Thursday evening in Lynchburg Nursing Home. She was the wife of the late Charlie Booker Glass.

Born in Oakville, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Phelps. She was a member of New Testament Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sons, Walter A. Glass, Calvin J. Glass and Harold F. Glass, Sr., all of Lynchburg; a daughter, Dorothy G. Holloran of Lynchburg; five stepsons, Edward T. Glass, Robert J. Glass, and Charlie L. Glass, all of Lynchburg, Roy H. Glass of Farmville and William W. Glass of Rockville, Md.; two stepdaughters, Doris G. Moon of Lynchburg and Pearlie G. Cumbie of Saxe; two sisters, Helen P. Burke and Lula P. Ferguson, both of Lynchburg; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. in Whitten Park Avenue Chapel. Interment was in Kedron Baptist Church cemetery in Gladys.

Joseph R. Knight

Joseph Richard Knight, 76, of Route 1, Madison Heights, died Monday, July 28, in Guggenheimer Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Amherst County, April 12, 1904, he was a son of the late Landrum Knight and Lula Higgerdom Knight. He was a retired employee of the Pride Dry Cleaners.

He is survived by two sons, Joseph R. Knight, Jr. of Gaithersburg, Md. and Frank M. Knight of Madison Heights; two brothers, W. L. Knight of Buena Vista and M. L. Knight of Lynchburg; four grandchildren, Mrs. Julie Ann Lee of Madison Heights, Mrs. Cynthia Sue May of Appomattox, Frank Mayo Knight, Jr. of Madison Heights and Frances Lizette Knight of Macon, Ga., and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in Fort Hill Memorial Park by the Rev. Carroll Welch.

Virginia Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

John G. Nash

CONCORD - John Garland Nash, 72, of Concord, died Monday afternoon in Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the husband of Thelma Cunningham Nash.

He was born in Appomattox County, a son of John William and Mary Goff Nash. He was a retired carpenter and member of Old Concord Presbyterian Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. June Nash Spitzer of Concord; three brothers, Andrew Nash and David Nash, both of Spout Spring, and Raymond Nash of Catawba; and three sisters, Miss Eula Nash of Petersburg, Mrs. Elsie Goff of Ashland and Mrs. Ora Hamlett of Roxboro, N.C.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox. Burial was in Old Concord Presbyterian Church cemetery in Spout Spring.

Luther T. Peters

Luther Thomas Peters, 61, of Route 1, Gladstone, died Wednesday afternoon, July 30, at his residence. He was the husband of Phylis Wright Peters.

Born in Amherst County, he was a son of the late John Wesley Peters and Bernice Wood Peters. He was a retired employee of the Lynchburg Foundry and a member of St. James United Methodist Church, Gladstone.

In addition to his wife he is survived by two sons, Thomas Daniel Peters of Monroe and Michiel Shedrick Peters of Gladstone; three daughters, Nancy P. Higginbotham, Sarah P. Watts and Judy P. Fore, all of Gladstone; a step-daughter, Tamara G. Peters of Gladstone; five brothers, Samuel M. Peters of Lynchburg, George E. Peters and Charlie L. Peters, both of Gladstone, William W. Peters of Madison Heights and James B. Peters of Amherst, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday in St. James United Methodist Church by the Rev. Bruce Smith. Interment was in the Peters family cemetery.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel, Lynchburg, was in charge of arrangements.

Jordan Baptist news

On Sunday night, August 10, the Golden Trumpteers will be singing here in concert. This program is for the benefit of the Sunday School.

For an evening of good musical enjoyment come out at 7:30 Sunday to the program.

On the third Sunday night, August 17, at 7 p.m. there will be a Male Chorus Festival here. Many male choruses from the area have been invited out to this program so plan to attend.

Gravel Hill Church news

Rev. Humbles will preach at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church the first Sunday in September at 3 p.m.

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Galilee homecoming success

The Galilee Baptist Church annual homecoming last Sunday was a big success, spiritually and financially. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. John Austin of Buckingham and special music was rendered by the Mt. Shiloh Senior Choir. A large crowd witnessed the service. The entire church was happy to see the pastor of the church present. He has been on the sick list since May. He is improving nicely. The church was filled with joy to have Rev. Lawing present.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the annual homecoming of the Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church this Sunday at 11 a.m.

An overflow crowd attended the special homecoming service of the Galilee Baptist Church Sunday evening at 3 p.m. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. and his good, good people from the Third Liberty Baptist Church were the special guest. All present enjoyed the service. Dinner was served in the fellowship hall after the morning services and also to the special guest.

A large number of visitors and homecomers were present. The following homecomers were present: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Flood and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flood and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Younger and family, Mrs. Frances Tibbs and Mr. Jim Tibbs and Miss Lillian and Mr. Carroll Robinson.

A successful Ladies Day program was held at the Mt. Airy Baptist Church last Sunday at 3 p.m.

Torrence reunion

The annual Torrence reunion will be held in the WOW Building, Sunday, August 17. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m.

Games and entertainment for the children are being planned. Come dressed for outside activities.

Ferguson reunion

The family of the late C. C. and Nannie Ferguson will have a reunion at the Appomattox Rescue Squad building Aug. 10.

Family and friends are asked to attend and bring a picnic lunch. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

Travel shows decline

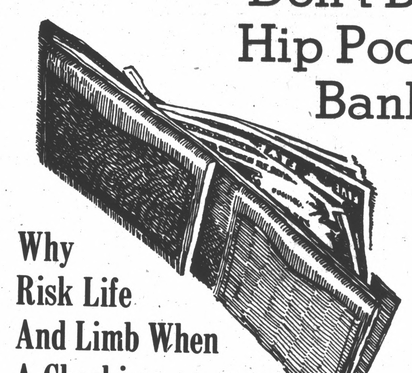
Although out-of-state passenger car travel increased slightly, overall travel on Virginia's major highways in June continued to show a decline, the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation said today.

Travel on Virginia's interstate, arterial, and primary highways decreased 1.8 per cent compared to June of 1979. Out-of-state passenger car travel increased by 0.7 per cent, while Virginia passenger car travel was down 0.9 per cent, compared to the same month a year ago.

Commercial vehicle travel dropped 4.5 per cent in June, according to J. P. Mills, Jr., the department's traffic and safety engineer.

The 1.8 per cent decline in June travel compared to a 2 per cent drop in June, 1979, the first time that travel had shown a decline on the state's highways in that gasoline-short period.

The travel analysis was made from counts taken at 216 locations on the state's interstate, arterial, and primary roads, Mills said.



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Council considers sale of ABC on Sundays

By BILL SHERROD

The Appomattox Mayor and Council voted Monday night to advertise for two weeks a proposed change in the town ordinance regulating the sale of beer and wine on Sundays.

The move came following requests from local restaurateurs and a food store owner that local businesses be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays.

Jean Stanley of Jeanne's Restaurant on Main Street spoke in favor of the ordinance change, as did Merry Wright, representing the John Mosby Inn Restaurant, and Wilton Burgess, owner of the Quik-E Food Market.

Stanley said, "being a historical town, we get a lot of tourists, but we have very little to hold them here. A lot of people who would stay in Appomattox for a meal wind up going to Lynchburg because they can't have a glass of wine or a beer with their meal."

She added, "I don't expect to make a lot of money off the sale of beer and wine; in fact, I don't expect to make much at all. But I think being able to sell beer and wine on Sunday will keep a lot of business in Appomattox."

Councilmen voted to advertise the proposed change in the town ordinance, which currently prohibits sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday within the corporate limits. The proposed change would allow sale of beer and wine between the hours of noon and 11 p.m. Sundays.

"We need to get public comment on this proposal before we make any changes," noted Councilman Robert Hubbard.

In another matter, council granted a conditional use permit to Harry G. Lawson, who is seeking to build 50 apartment units on a parcel of land off Dogwood Street in the Morris Heights area.

The permit was granted on the stipulation that Lawson pay the town any necessary funds for upgrading the town sewer system to treat additional sewage created by the apartment project, if it is determined that the plant can not handle the additional sewage at the time that the apartments are completed.

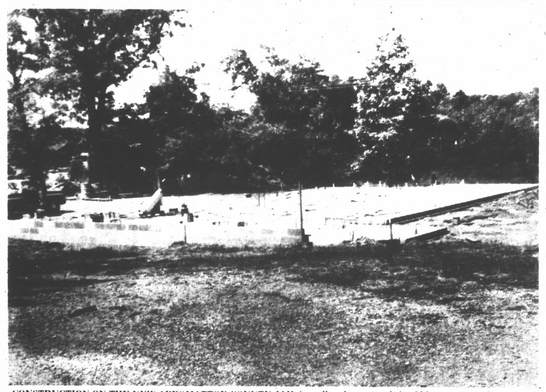
If, on the other hand, the sewage plant can process the additional load created by the apartments when construction is complete, Lawson will be connected the same as any other sewer and water customer.

Council also approved a zoning change on two acres of land at the northwest corner of town on Route 460, at the request of Steve Poole.

Poole said he and Marshall Goin are planning to relocate their businesses on the land, which is located adjacent to the Lee Grant motel, northwest of the Thomasville property.

Maylor Ronald C. Spiggle pointed out that the town's policy has been for a new business to bear the expense of connecting to the town water line if a line does not already exist in the area, and that there are no lines in the area which Poole proposed to build. Poole said he understands and that the stipulation will present no problem.

The council voted unanimously to approve the zoning change from M-1 to B-1.



CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW APPOMATTOX COUNTY JAIL in well underway and should be complete by February on next year. The 5,040 square foot facility, located near the court house, will cost just under $100,000 and will fill the needs of Appomattox County for at least 20 years.

Police arrest five in vandalism case

Two adults and three juveniles were arrested last Wednesday in connection with an outbreak of vandalism in which approximately 40 mailboxes were destroyed or damaged.

According to the Sheriff's Department, Judith H. Ayers and Thomas Wade Kress, both of Appomattox, along with three juveniles whose names could not be released were arrested in connection with the rash of vandalism, which occured Aug. 3-5 in the Spring Mill, Spout Spring, Stonewall and Oakville communities.

Deputy Sheriff R. W. Baldwin and State Trooper Paul Kvasnicka made the arrests, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Ayers and Kress are scheduled to appear in General District Court Aug. 27, and the juveniles will appear in Juvenile-Domestic Court Aug. 28, according to the Sheriff's Department.

Police also arrested Grover Lee Smith, age 19, of Concord and a juvenile last Thursday in connection with a separate vandalism incident in which a number of tombstones were overturned in the Concord Cemetary.

Smith was scheduled to appear in court Wednesday, and the juvenile's court date was set for Aug. 28.

The investigation and arrests were made by C. H. Martin of the county Sheriff's Department.

County police also made two arrests in connection with three break-ins, two of which occurred July 29, and one of which happened Dec. 13 of last year.

Valerie Louise Dixon and Brenda Leigh Coleman, both of Farmville, were arrested in connection with break-ins at the homes of Robert Gray (two counts) and James Frank Ranson, Jr.

A break-in occurred at the Gray home on Dec. 13, 1979 and again on July 29 of this year.

The Ranson home was broken into July 29 also.

Sheriff J. E. Richardson, Deputy Sheriff B. P. Seay and Deputy Sheriff C. A. Reynolds investigated the cases and made the arrests.

No court date had been set for the suspects as of press time.

Lions meet tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight (Thursday) at 6:45 in Maude's Restaurant.

Mayor Ronald C. Spiggle will present the program for the evening. He will discuss the workings of small-town government with an emphasis on the ways in which Appomattox tackles various types of municipal governmental challenges.

Boosters set meeting

The ACHS Athletic Boosters Club wil hold a very important planning meeting on Tuesday, August 19, at 8:00 in the Appomattox County High School Library.

All members and interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Preparations underway

Schools open Aug. 25

Appomattox County Public Schools will open August 25 for the 1980-81 session.

Information on student fees, registration and opening day procedures is provided to assist parents and students in their plans for another school session.

Student Fees

All schools will be open on August 21 and 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at which time parents may come to the schools to pay fees. Fees approved by the Appomattox County School Board are as follows:

Appomattox County High School: Accident insurance, $5.00; S.C.A., $1.00; class fees, grades 9-12, $1.00; art, $1.50; band instrument rental, $1; band supply, $4.00; chemistry lab book, $4.50; clerical and stenography supplies, $7.00; distributive education, $7.50; drafting, $5.00; English workbook, grade 9, $3.25; gym suits, boys, top $3.00, bottom $3.00; girls, $8.00; locks, $2.75; home economics $7.00; library and supply fee, $1.50; masonry, $5.00; power mechanics, $5.00; physical education, supplies, $2.00; towel service, $3.50; typing supplies, $5.00; voag, $6.00; textbook rental, $4.25 per subject; physics workbook, $4.00; accounting working papers, $4.75.

Primary and Elementary Schools: Accident insurance, $5.00; instructional fees, $5.00; weekly reader (K-3), $1.50; textbook rental, $13.00 K-2 and $14.00 for grades 3-6.

Appomattox Middle School: Accident insurance, $5.00; F.F.A. grade 7, $4.00; grade 8, $5.00; F.H.A., $4.00; towel service, $3.50; band supply, $3.00; physical education uniforms, boys $5.00, girls $8.00; textbook rental, $14.00; materials fee, $5.00.

Opening Day Procedures

Mr. Donald Armentrout, Appomattox County High School Principal, requests students to check the local paper for homeroom assignments. On August 25, students shall report to the cafeteria. At that time student guides will assist you in finding your homeroom. Those students who do not know their homeroom assignment will receive this information in the cafeteria. Once students have reported to assigned homerooms, teachers will provide student schedules. Students who drive to school are asked to park on the north parking lot.

According to Mrs. Hesteine Foster, Appomattox Middle School Principal, those students who have picked up their schedules during fee collection days will go directly to their homerooms on the first day of school. Those students who have not picked up their schedules will report to the cafeteria where Mrs. Bolling Carter, guidance counselor, will give them their homeroom number and teacher's name. Those students are to report promptly to their assigned homeroom. SCA guides will aid students in locating their rooms during the first few days. Homeroom rolls will, also, be posted on classroom doors.

The SCA will provide guided tours of the school building to all seventh graders on Thursday, August 21 and Friday, August 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On these days all students are urged to pay their fees and pick up their class schedules and homeroom assignments in the AMS cafeteria.

Mrs. Barbara Waddell, Pamplin Elementary School Principal, states that all kindergarten students will be met at the buses by adults and will be directed to their classrooms. Parents are requested to see that name tags showing child's name and bus number be pinned to each kindergarten student.

The principal of Appomattox Elementary School, Mr. Tom Bowmann, has arranged for students, upon arrival at the elementary school, to be greeted by teachers, parent volunteers, and student guides. These persons will place a name tag on third grade students with the number of the student's bus. They will also direct each student to his respective homeroom. Class rolls will be posted on the doors of homeroom teachers.

Mrs. Patricia Torrence, Appomattox Primary School Principal, states that teacher aides and parent volunteers will meet students as they arrive on buses, pin the bus number on each student, and direct the students to their respective classrooms. Parents are requested to pin the name on the dress or shirt of each student to help with identification.

Other Information

Parents are requested to send their children to school on the bus the first day, especially primary and elementary pupils. This will enable the teachers to direct the pupils to the correct bus in the afternoon for the return trip home.

Parents can expect their children to bring home certain forms which you are requested to fill out and return to the school. It is necessary to have this information on file in the school office for each pupil.

Parents who have moved into the county during the summer who have children who will attend school this fall should go to the appropriate school or schools to register. The schools in the county and telephone numbers are: Pamplin Elementary School (248-6108), Appomattox County High School (352-7146), Appomattox Middle School (352-8257), Appomattox Elementary School (352-7463), and Appomattox Primary School (352-5766).

All principals urge you to give them your cooperation regarding opening day procedures. The staffs are concerned about the safety and welfare of students as they make the trip to and from school each day, as well as the hours spent in school.

Absentee plan tabled by board

A proposed student attendance policy for Appomattox County was tabled Friday and will be re-worked for adoption at a later date.

The policy was formulated in the wake of discussions by school officials and concerned parents regarding increasing absentee problems in the school system, particularly at the middle and high school levels.

In essence, the plan called on all components of the school system, as well as students' parents, for monitoring and enforcing attendance rules at the county's five public schools.

Board member Ruth Webb said she believes that the majority of responsibility for student attendance falls on the shoulders of the teachers.

"I think it is the teacher's responsibility to see that if a student misses a lot of time, he or she will not find it easy to get a passing grade during that grading period," said Webb.

Board member Berk Drinkard added, "I think we should put some teeth in it (the attendance policy). We should structure it so that a student will not have the opportunity to make up work missed during an absence unless it is an excused absense.

Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools, said that the attendance policy has to be "managed in such a way that the student has to be present most of the time to comprehend and excel (in his studies). Greater emphasis has to be placed on the daily plan."

Webb added the suggestion that the principals at each school hold workshop meetings on a regular basis to work on the various aspects of each school's attendance problems.

The board members agreed to table voting on the attendance policy so that it may be rewritten to incorporate suggestions made at this month's meeting, as well as any other suggestions made before the policy is submitted again for a vote.

On new jail

Construction going well

Construction of the new Appomattox County jail is well underway, and the county's architectural consultants estimate that the new detention facility will be complete by February of next year.

The jail, which is being built by J. E. Jamerson and Sons of Appomattox, will cost slightly less than $400,000, excluding an architects' fee of approximately $40,000.

The old county jail, built in 1895-96, was to have been replaced several years ago and plans were prepared for the "new" jail about 10 years ago, following condemnation by the state fire marshall. The county was allowed to continue using the jail until last year, when the fire marshall closed the old facility.

Since then, prisoners have been housed in Campbell County, Prince Edward County, and Charlotte County jails. At present, the cost of housing Appomattox prisoners in adjacent county jails is running near $80,000 per year. When the new jail is complete, the cost will be reduced to about $10,000 per year.

Effective July 1 of this year, the state assumed operating expenses, including salaries of those employed to operate the facility.

County officials estimate that this could save Appomattox as much as $70,000 annually.

The county has accumulated more than $350,000 in budget surplus in the last ten years, which will be applied to construction costs for the new jail.

Additional funds for construction of the jail can be borrowed at a low rate of interest.

According to Appomattox Board of Supervisors member Horace Coleman, "With savings on the cost of operating the jail as we are doing now, it would appear the county will have a very good investment. The savings will be sufficient to pay the jail cost in about six to seven years."

According to E. L. Paderick of the state Corrections Department, plans for the new jail meet all state requirements and the facility when complete "will put the county in good shape for the next 20 years, at least."

Additional employees will be required to man the staff of the new 5040-square-foot facility, but their salaries will be paid by the state.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Refreshed by a couple of showers after an extended drought, we are pleased to find that the grass is greener, gardens are not lost and Appomattox is indeed a fine place in which to live and work. Brightleaf tobacco markets opened Monday and although brightleaf is grown in only part of Appomattox, farmers are reportedly pleased with the bids on their offerings. Lawn mowers will get into action again after the showers. Summer passes so quickly. School opening is nearer than you think.

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Few indeed have given more service in a challenging field than Appomattox's Miss Hazel Moon. She has returned after two decades of service in Africa as a nurse with the Baptist Mission program. Sent me a copy of The Daily Times, Nigeria's largest newspaper. Thanks and welcome home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Edmonds, of Lawrenceville, paid me a visit, accompanied by their sons, Kerry, 15 and Donnie 16. Another son, Calvin Ray was working. Mrs. Edmonds is an Appomattox native and Aubrey was a valued employee of The Times-Virginian for several years before opening a printing business of his own. Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds are partners in the firm of Edmonds Printers. Congratulations to this fine family. Comment: I did not recognize Aubrey when he knocked at the door. He has grown a full beard!

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Quote? "It is with much joy I get the home town paper each week and I love to read your column. You will recall me perhaps when I tell you that I am Faith Lewis and I live in Memphis where my husband is minister of historic University Christian Church." Indeed I do remember this fine Appomattox native and Christian leader. Her husband is Dr. A. O. Guy and they recently attended a World Convention of Christian Churches in Honolulu. Also, thanks for the Honolulu paper.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Jamerson showed me an 1899 dollar bill, a collector's item. The old style large variety. It was saved by her mother, Mrs. Janie P. Davidson, of Buckingham. I salute all those who collect and save interesting items. Once I had a Confederate two dollar bill, but cannot find it.

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I am a New York Yankee fan in baseball and not happy after losing three straight to Baltimore. But I am also a Washington Redskin fan in football and the Skins downed the Baltimore Colts in a preseason thriller.

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Several streets in town have been resurfaced and look nice. I woke up one morning to find that an early bird highway crew had resurfaced Martha Street while I was over-sleeping. Okeh, for I am not a good sidewalk superintendent.

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I never discuss politics in this column, but Madison Square Garden, New York City, is much in the news this week, and I recall the one time I visited the famous hall. Was in the city sightseeing and Madison Square Garden was on my list. 'Twas daytime and I was the only one there. But closed my eyes and thought of the great sporting events of the past taking place in the Garden, and then opened my eyes for a look at the momentos. I love every town and county in America, but The Big Apple is special. At least once in your lifetime, visit the big cities, but if n I could grab the microphone for a moment I would shout loud and clear, "On the way home stop by Historic Appomattox, A Growing Town." Thanks for reading and seeya around.